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FOREIGN.

The Franco-Prussian Struggle.

No Fighting of Consequence Since the 19th.

Conflicting Reports as to the Whereabouts of Bazaine and MacMahon.

Further Particulars of the Battles near Metz.

The Bombardment of Pfalsberg.

The Siege of Strasbourg Progressing Favorably.

Account of the First Naval Engagement of the War.

Further Talk of Russian Intervention.

AT THE FRONT.

ARMY BETWEEN METZ AND ETTAINVILLE.

PARIS, Aug. 24.—Marshal Bazaine from Moulins, dated the 23d, afternoon, confirms the following: The battle commenced on Saturday morning, when the whole force under his command, prevented by advance of the Prussians till the concentration and preparation of MacMahon's army, which had been entirely completed, MacMahon and Bazaine are now ready to assume the offensive, and a movement is expected immediately. They will remain the Prussians together.

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A Paris dispatch says that Bazaine's object in remaining in Metz is to prevent the Prussians from concentrating their forces against MacMahon. Reports continue to circulate that Bazaine has left Metz, and to proceed unless Napoleon takes the initiative.

Another Paris special says: M. de Palmy, refugee from Metz, reports that Bazaine has 150,000 effective forces yet with or near Bazaine in the Arsenal of Metz, but under authority reports that he has only the army of Chalons—the regularly organized army of MacMahon and Bazaine—are now ready to assume the offensive, and a movement is expected immediately. They will remain the Prussians together.

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THE ŒCUMENICAL COUNCIL.

And the Dogma of Infallibility.

Lecture of Archbishop Purcell in Cincinnati.

A few days after I received home I received a letter from Mr. Reilly, the Director of the Confraternity of St. Peter, Rome, asking me, on the part of the Holy Father, to deliver a lecture for the benefit of the Peter's Pence. There was then to be only one in Cincinnati in the Catholic year, and that was in the Church of St. Xavier. This notice is very late indeed, and I regret it; but I am glad that you are speaking the same day. I am glad that you are speaking the same day. I am glad that you are speaking the same day.

THE SPORTING WORLD.

The White Stockings Defeat the Aetnas by a Score of 55 to 6.

The Amateur Tournament Lasted Just a Pleasant While.

Proceedings of the Horsemen's Railroad Mull.

Base Ball.

A GREAT MATCH GAME OF ACTIVITY.

A little more than one week ago the Chicago Base Ball Club, which had been for a long time the champion of the West, and which, by the way, had a right to be entitled champion of the United States, if it could be proved that the Cincinnati Club was not entitled to that honor, challenged the Aetna Club, of Rockford, to play a match game for the championship of the West. It was a challenge which, if it had been issued by any other club than the Chicago, would have been considered a piece of unmitigated impudence. The Aetnas had been playing ball for a long time, and had won a great many victories over clubs which had been considered invincible. They had defeated the Forest City Club, of Cleveland, which had defeated the Cincinnati Club, which had defeated the Atlantic Club, of Brooklyn, which had defeated the Mutual Club, of New York, which had defeated the Athletic Club, of Philadelphia